

*National Institute
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The (National Institute of Arts and Letters)

hereby resolves that it is urgently necessary that immediate steps should be taken to organize the control and protection of the historic monuments and objects of art of all periods in those parts of Nearer Asia which as the result of the war have come under the influence of the Associated Powers, and that the opportunity offered by the Peace Conference should be sized upon to put an end to the systematic neglect and destruction of historic monuments, to the commercialization of antiquities, and to the obstruction of legitimate scientific exploration and excavation, which have hitherto prevailed in countries under Turkish rule; and that advantage of the present opportunity should be taken to call to the attention of the American representatives at the Peace Conference the importance of safe-guarding American scientific interests in exploration and excavation, and the legitimate rights of American Museums.

This Society further resolves that it is desirable, since the Archaeological Institute of America is taking the initiative in this matter, to cooperate with that Society, and with the American Historical Association, the American Philological Association, and any other institutions and learned societies which may cooperate, in bringing this resolution to the attention of the Peace Conference.

May 14th, 1920

Dr. Ashley H. Thorndike
Sec. National Institute of Arts & Letters

Dear Sir:

In preparing a brochure on the medallis work of Mr. A. A. Weinman we, of course, want to include the beautiful medal designed by him for the National Institute of Arts and Letters.

It seems to us that it would be very desirable that the consideration governing the award of this medal be given in connection with a description of it. May I ask that you inform me in this regard?

We should, also, like to append a list of the names of those to whom this award has been made, and if you would kindly supply these names, I should greatly appreciate it.

Very respectfully,

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Enc.

Secretary

National Institute of Arts and Letters

JEFFERSON B. FLETCHER, *Secretary*

Address

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
NEW YORK

June 9, 1920.

Mr. Sidney P. Noe,

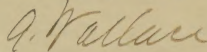
Secretary of the American Numismatic Society,
155th St. and Broadway.

My dear Sir:

In response to your request of May 14,
I am enclosing the conditions of the award of the
Gold Medal of the Institute.

I am sorry to have delayed so long in
answering your note, but it was set aside in the
absence of Professor Thorndike.

Very truly yours,



Secretary to

Professor A. H. Thorndike.

June 10th, 1920

Professor A. H. Thorndike
Columbia University, New York

Dear Professor Thorndike:

Thank you for your letter of June 9th, together with the information regarding the award of the Gold Medal of the National Institute of Arts and Letters. This is just what I desired.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary

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also Thorne, Dr. Ashley B. (Secretary J.)